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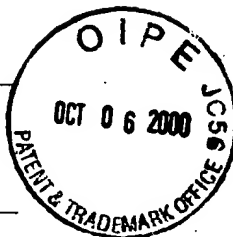
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ANDREAS WALDER

Application No.: 09/082,309

Filed: May 20, 1998

For: METHOD OF THE PRODUCTION
OF EXPANDABLE PLASTICS
GRANULATE

Examiner: Staicovici, S.

Art Unit: 1732

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2000 for 1 month, from September 2, 2000 to October 2, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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